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Construction of a culvert in the cart-track leading from Veparalla to Kanekal.

* 23 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the cart-track leading from Veparalla and other villages to Kanekal and certain other villages, crosses the supply channel leading to Kanekal tank near Veparalla and whether the use of this cart-track during rainy season at the spot where it crosses the channel is difficult and dangerous; and

(*b*) whether it is proposed by the Government, now or in the near future, to construct a small culvert at the spot in question?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Land Revenue Administration

Preference to Probationary Revenue Inspectors for appointment as Deputy Tahsildars.

11-30 a.m. * 24 *Q.*—Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether in making appointments to the posts of Deputy Tahsildars, persons who have been directly recruited as Probationary Revenue Inspectors are given preference; and, if not, why they are not given such preference?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer to clause (*b*) of question No. 1079 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 22nd March 1932.

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether Government will issue instructions that persons who had been recruited as probationary revenue inspectors are to be given preference when appointments to the deputy tahsildars' posts take place?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"No."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I know whether there are any particular reasons prevailing with the Government for not issuing such instructions?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"There are no reasons for issuing such instructions."

Relief to people in areas affected by cyclone in Malabar.

* 25 *Q.*—Mr. R. M. Palat: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the cyclone which passed over Malabar towards the end of last May has inflicted great loss on certain parts of the district; and

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(b) what measures the Government have taken or propose to take to give relief to the people in the affected areas?

A.—(a) & (b) Copies [a] of the reports from the Collector of Malabar, dated 27th May 1932 and 15th July 1932, are annexed.

Famine relief in Bellary district.

*26 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of works in progress in the Bellary district at the time the Government ordered that the provisions of the Famine Code should apply to the carrying out of works of the cultivators and others in the district;

(b) the nature and kind of work and the place at which each was in progress;

(c) the average number of men, women and children employed during each of the four weeks prior to the stoppage of the work;

(d) the works since started according to the provisions of the Famine Code with particulars as to the nature of work, place and the number of men, women and children employed in each week in the month following the starting of the work; and

(e) the average wage paid to each man, woman and child before and after the change introduced by the Government?

A.—(a) Twenty.

(b) A statement [b] giving the information is attached.

(c) The average figures cannot be worked out without a good deal of labour. The actual number of workers reported on certain dates is as follows:—

Date.	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
27th April 1932 ..	5,948	9,562	3,527	19,037
4th May 1932 ..	5,514	8,617	2,993	17,124
12th May 1932 ..	1,833	3,021	899	5,753 †
19th May 1932 ..	2,972	4,745	1,528	9,245 †

† Figures incomplete.

(d) A statement giving particulars of the works is attached. The average daily attendance in each week was as follows:—

Week ending	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
10th June 1932 ..	..	..	..	4,015 ‡
17th June 1932 ..	..	..	..	7,744 ‡
25th June 1932 ..	3,186	5,770	1,700	10,656
2nd July 1932 ..	3,308	6,503	2,123	11,934
9th July 1932 ..	3,758	7,233	2,421	13,412

‡ Details not available.

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 103—106 infra.

[b] Printed as Appendix III on page 106 infra.